

Council on Aging Board Meeting

June 9, 2004

In Attendance:

Chairman Paul Keegan, Vice-Chairman Helene Tanenholtz, Board Members Helen McLaughlin, Lillian Goodman, Tim Swiss, and Secretary John Concordia. Director Sharon Yager and summer intern Katie McCarthy were also present. Board member Al Crommett was excused.

1. Chairman's Comments:

The chairman opened the meeting at 10:05 am. The review of the previous meeting's minutes was postponed until later.

Paul read 3 pieces of correspondence regarding; a) notice of a free cancer screening in Westborough on July 15th, b) Letter from Representative Karyn Polito on "estate recovery" legislation, c) Letter from Senator Guy Glodis on legislation offering prescription drug price relief for seniors. Paul also indicated that 3 board members had been re-appointed for an additional term—Al Crommett, Helene Tanenholtz, and Tim Swiss.

2. Director's Comments:

Sharon introduced Katie who will be helping for the summer. Sharon reported that the "final" grant application figures would give us about \$3,000.00 more than we had budgeted. She also has received from the State office statistics covering long-range data on the impact "baby boomers" reaching 60 will have on senior service needs 5 years from now.

3. Liaison Reports:

Central Mass Agency on aging—no report

Friends of the SCC, Inc.: Helene reported that the "May madness" calendar raffle was a successful event again but competition may preclude it happening next year.

Shrews. Comm. Part./Children:--a recognition event is planned for the 40 or so volunteer readers in this program.

Elder Services of Worc./Outreach: Sharon reported a quiet month and final meeting of the year on June 5th.

4. Old Business:

Transportation Issues:--Paul and Sharon reported that the new van has been "gifted" to the town so that insurance coverage will be available. Radio equipment will be installed next week. The board suggested that some press coverage is desirable to publicize the DMR and Housing Authority participation with the COA and the Friends in providing this new service.

2004 Health Fair: Lillian reported that the committee has met a couple of times—the date has been set for the first Friday of October within the framework of Shrewsbury's Fall Festival.

Board elections: The present officers will continue for the coming year.

Kitchen update: Bob Cox-buildings superintendent has helped with the dishwasher problems, but some follow-up is required.

5. New Business:

Grant positions: Postings have been made and T&G ads for the 2 open positions: Outreach coordinator and Volunteers coordinator.

Bocce Courts Dedication: Our new outdoor activity facility will be dedicated on June 18th at 10am. Sharon is looking for someone to organize regular games there.

Ask the Manager show: Sharon will participate in this panel show on Monday, July13th at 2 pm.

6. Other:

P&P review: Some minor revisions were made to adjust for the additional outdoor facility.

Patio: Sharon reported that some 25 additional "remembrance" bricks have been received.

May meeting minutes: The minutes were presented by Sharon reviewed and accepted by the board.

*Respectfully submitted,
John Concordia, Secretary*